

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Massey Farm Inventory Number: K-380  
Address: 10197 Augustine Herman Highway City: Chestertown Zip Code: 21620  
County: Kent USGS Topographic Map: Chestertown  
Owner: William and Richard Wiltbank Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 42 Tax Account ID Number: 003675  
Project: Chestertown Emergency Services Tower (Site II) Agency: DBM  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district  
District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)  
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

A farmhouse and outbuildings occupy property located along Augustine Herman Highway. The property, known as the Massey Farm, has been in existence since the early 1800s.

The two and a half-story frame farmhouse is composed on a four-bay main section and a three-bay kitchen addition connected to the east end of the house. The house is two bays wide with interior brick (stacks covered with stucco) chimneys flanking the gable ends of the main section's roof, and the far east end of the kitchen addition's gabled roof. The house can be described as a modified hall-parlor plan with a kitchen addition and various shed additions on the back or north side of the house.

The roof is a side-gabled, medium-pitched corrugated metal-clad roof. The roof on the addition is similar, yet slightly lower than the main roof and with a less-steep pitch. Both roofs are finished with a box cornice. A stucco-covered stone foundation supports the asbestos-shingled house.

The fenestration of the main section consists of four modern sash windows and storm windows on the second floor, and two windows on the first floor. The lower-level window west of the front door is an older eight-over-eight sash window with a larger opening than then the newer, six-over-six sash windows found on the upper level. This could be an original window, or

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: <u>Lacks architectural distinction and integrity</u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>11/09/04</u> Date
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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at least a replica of the original windows. The front door is off-center, suggesting that an addition adjacent door once was part of the façade. Two small casement windows flank the interior chimney on the attic level on the gabled west end of the house. Two modern windows are positioned on the second level, and one on the first level of this end. The fenestration on the additional wing consists of four six-over-six sash windows equally-spaced on the second floor and two on the first floor to the east of an enclosed entry way into the basement and kitchen. This entrance suggests that the kitchen was separate (and possibly not the original kitchen) from the main house and was later connected with the second story hyphen and enclosed on the first floor. In this entryway would have been the bulkhead to the cellar under the main portion of the house. Two, one-story shed additions, underneath two second-story windows, extends from the back of the additional wing.

A small shed-roofed porch supported by turned posts and decorative brackets shelters the front door. Concrete masonry unit blocks provide a pier foundation for the porch.

Several outbuildings are found on the property. Modern, gabled metal barns are connected with older frame structures. Four concrete silos are also on the property.

The house, though altered, is in relatively good condition and is a good example of an early farmhouse with a separate kitchen. Though the interior was not accessible during this evaluation, the MIHP form completed in 1994 by Marsha Fritz indicates decorative woodwork was utilized and suggests a date of the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house is architecturally significant and could provide information on construction methods and local style preferences during this time period. It is recommended that the property is eligible for the NRHP under criteria C.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: September 14, 2004



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Massey Farm

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View of the Facade (South side) of the house.



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View of the north side of the house.



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View of outbuildings looking southeast from  
the house.





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Additional view of outbuildings looking southeast  
from the house.

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Massey Farm  
Near Chestertown  
1st Quarter 19th Century

The early 19th century frame dwelling which stands on the Massey Farm resembles two brick houses in the County; the Costen Farm and Grantham & Forest Farm both in the First District. The similarities are in form, fenestrations, and plan. Each of the two-story buildings has a four-bay facade, and a roof without dormers. Each has a two-story wing and a nearly equal hall-parlor plan, with both rooms having its own stair and entry.

In the case of the Massey Farmhouse, the western room corner stair has been replaced with a straight run stair and the mantels and other period woodwork have been removed. One feature unique to this house is a recessed entry in the south facade which provides access to the basement as well as the kitchen. In this area original horizontal sheathing boards are still exposed and not covered with asbestos shingles.

In the 1877 Atlas, the property is owned by the heirs of G. B. Ford.

MASSEY FARM  
Chestertown, Maryland  
(early 19th)

Massey Farmhouse represents one type of housing of the early 19th century. The building is similiar in plan to two nearby frame houses, Willowdale (K-204) and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291.) All three of these structures originally had corner stairs and hallways on the north side of the second floor although they are essentially hall and parlour houses. This structure measured 34' by 17' and has a later side wing.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC MASSEY FARM

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER East side Rt. 213, 1½ miles north of  
Hopewell Corner

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William &amp; Mary Wiltbank

Telephone #: 301-778-3357

STREET &amp; NUMBER Rt. #1

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21620**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: RAS 22

Folio #: 435

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Massey Farmhouse is a very-altered hall and parlour building, which probably dates from the early 19th century.

The main house is four bays long and two deep, measuring 34' by 17'. It has a steep gable roof with brick chimneys enclosed in each gable. There is a brick foundation and a later kitchen addition constructed against the east gable.

Windows in the second floor are positioned regularly although the center two are slightly farther apart to allow a symmetrical arrangement in the two rooms within. There are also windows in the west gable on each floor and two four-light casements in the attic gables. One first floor a gable-wall window was removed to accommodate a new stair. Fenestration on the first floor is greatly altered. Originally there were two entry doors on the south facade, one into each room; the westernmost of these doors has been removed. These six-panel doors were flanked by 4 over 4 windows which did not line-up with the windows on the floor above. The original fenestration on the first floor facades is no longer visible. Six over six sash are used in all windows except two on the first floor. One of these has a 8 over 12 sash is a replacement but which may duplicate the original. This sash indicates the width of the original openings and suggests that 8 over 8 sash were used upstairs. Large basement window openings in the filled stone foundation were also made smaller.

The roof overhangs the gable end very slightly. The cornices are box with a beaded fascia but no other moldings.

The two story wing is lower than the main house and has no basement. Three bays long, its roof duplicates the pitch of the main house. Six over six sash are used in the regularly spaced windows. There is one entry in the gable. A wide recessed entry way in the south facade provides access to the basement at the location of the original

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☒ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES *2nd quarter, 19th century* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*Massey Farmhouse is significant because it is one of Kent County's older buildings and because it represents one type of housing of the early 19th century. The building is similiar in plan to two nearby frame houses, Willowdale (K-204) and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291.) All three of these structures originally had corner stairs and hallways on the north side of the second floor although they are essentially hall and parlour houses.*

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE _____	COUNTY _____
STATE _____	COUNTY _____

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE <i>Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>Kent County Planning Commission</i>	DATE <i>778-4600, ext.67</i>
STREET & NUMBER <i>Court House</i>	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN <i>Chestertown, Maryland 21620</i>	STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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bulkhead, now enclosed within the addition walls. In the cellar-way wide horizontal boarding, the original exterior sheathing, is visible.

The exterior of the building is covered with asbestous shingles and has a sheet metal roof. The one-bay entry porch is an early 20th century addition. The windows and storm windows were installed within the last 20 years.

Inside, the first floor rooms retain virtually none of their original finish. Mantles were removed and discarded. One corner stair remains; the other has been replaced with a single-run stair that occupies much of the west room on the first floor. Originally, both corner stairs occupied the northern corners of the plan, a rather unusual arrangement also seen at Willowdale, (K-204) a house about 1½ miles south of this one. Like Willowdale, the Massey Farmhouse has a hallway on the north side of the second floor.

One early six-panel door can be seen on the first floor. It has Grecian ovolo and square moldings applied to the raised unbeveled panels (one side only) and, if original, suggests a construction date of the second quarter of the 19th century. This door was originally hung on HL hinges.

Beaded board doors lead to the second floor rooms; they are set in frames trimmed with Grecian ovolo and square moldings. Flooring is wide, random yellow pine.

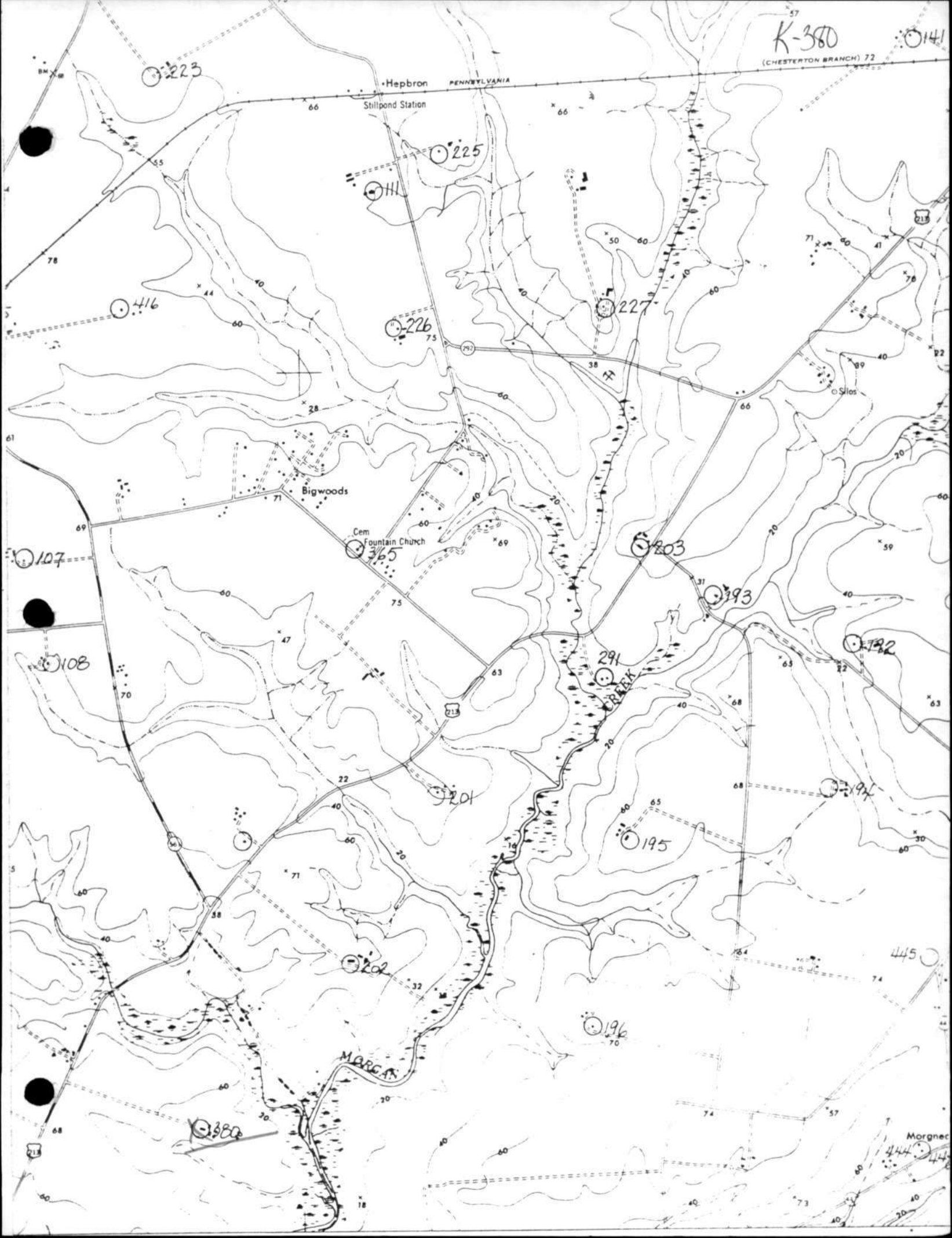
The structural frame is concealed except for the corner posts and plate. Window frames are exposed and mortice & tenoned & pegged into the plate. Rafters of the roof are sawn and half lapped and pegged.

Interior treatment of the side wing is of recent date.

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